

REMARKS

Applicants acknowledge receipt of the office action in which the Examiner rejected claims 1-6, 8-11, and 13-18 under 35 USC § 102 as anticipated by Hollenkamp (WO 2004/082059, which is also US 7,479,353) and indicated that claims 14-17 would be allowable if re-written in independent form. For the reasons set out below, Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections.

Rejection of claims 1-6, 8-11, and 13 as anticipated by Hollenkamp

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate all of the limitations of claim 14, which was indicated to be allowable. Claims 13 and 14 have been cancelled. Applicants therefore submit that claims 1-6, and 8-11 are in condition for allowance.

Allowed claims

Claim 14 has been cancelled and its limitations incorporated into claim 1.

Claims 15-17 have each been placed in independent form, incorporating the limitations of the claims from which they formerly depended.

Rejoinder of withdrawn claims

Claims 7, 12, and 19-26 are currently withdrawn from consideration. Claims 7, 12, 19, and 22-26 each depend from claim 1, which is now in condition for allowance. Claim 20 has been amended so as to correspond to claim 1 and claim 21 has been cancelled. Applicants therefore respectfully request withdrawal of the restriction requirement and rejoinder of the previously withdrawn dependent claims.

Conclusion

Applicants believe that the present submission wholly responds to the office action. If it would be helpful in resolving any issues in the case, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the number below.

Respectfully submitted,
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